

CLAIMS

I claim:

1 1. A post-surgical care wound and bandage cover for a pet
2 such as a dog, comprising:

3 a vest-like trunk cover having a front upper opening and a
4 rear opening, said trunk cover extending from the chest front to
5 a point in the vicinity of the rear of the rib cage of the pet;
6 and

7 a neck cover defining an upper opening and a lower opening,
8 said neck cover extending downward from the upper neck to said
9 front upper opening of said trunk cover and communicating
10 therewith;

11 said vest-like trunk cover defining at least one lower front
12 opening of such size as to receive a corresponding front leg of
13 the pet;

14 said trunk cover and said neck cover being connected so as
15 to form a vest-like body sock for placement over the front
16 portion of the body of a pet;

17 whereby said vest-like body sock covers an exposed or gauze-
18 dressed wound.

1 2. The cover of claim 1, wherein said vest-like trunk cover
2 defines two lower front openings of such size and location as to
3 receive left and right front legs of the pet.

1 3. The cover of claim 1, wherein said vest-like body sock
2 is made of an elastic material so as to snugly fit the body of
3 the pet.

1 4. The cover of claim 1, wherein said neck cover and said
2 trunk cover are connected by a seam.

1 5. The cover of claim 4, wherein said seam is an expandable
2 cross stitch seam.

1 6. The cover of claim 1, wherein said neck cover opening is
2 of such size as to snugly fit around the upper neck of the pet,
3 and said neck cover opening has an expandable cross stitch hem.

1 7. The cover of claim 1, wherein each said leg opening in
2 said trunk cover has an expandable cross stitch hem.

1 8. The cover of claim 1, wherein said rear opening of said
2 trunk portion has an expandable cross stitch hem.

1 9. The cover of claim 8, wherein said hem includes a
2 bunched portion extending around the belly of the pet, said trunk
3 portion having an integral elastic strip, said integral elastic
4 strip being straight sewn within said hem bunched portion.

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1 10. The cover of claim 9, wherein said integral elastic
2 strip is straight sewn within said hem.

1 11. The cover of claim 1, wherein there is a single lower
2 front opening and said cover is reversible, so as to cover a
3 wound from the removal of a front leg of the pet.

1 12. The cover of claim 11, wherein said elastic material is
2 spandex or Lycra having polyethylene mixed therewith and is open
3 weaved such as to allow passage of air to the wound while
4 excluding dust and dirt.

1 13. The cover of claim 1, wherein said cover is made of
2 cotton or Nylon and is open weaved such as to allow breathing of
3 air to the wound.

1 14. A post-surgical care wound and bandage cover for a pet
2 such as a dog, comprising:

3 a vest-like trunk cover having a front upper opening and a
4 rear opening, said trunk cover extending from the chest front to
5 a point in the vicinity of the rear of the rib cage of the pet;
6 and

7 a neck cover defining an upper opening and a lower opening,
8 said neck cover extending downward from the upper neck to said
9 front upper opening of said trunk cover and communicating
10 therewith;

11 said vest-like trunk cover defining at least one lower front
12 opening of such size as to receive a corresponding front leg of
13 the pet;

14 said trunk cover and said neck cover being connected by a an
15 expandable cross stitched seam so as to form a vest-like body
16 sock for placement over the front portion of the body of a pet;

17 said rear opening of said trunk portion having an expandable
18 hem which includes an upper cross stitched portion and a bunched

19 portion extending around the trunk and belly of the pet, said
20 bunched portion containing an elastic strip;

21 said cover being made of open weave breathable material such
22 as to allow passage of air to the wound while excluding dust and
23 dirt;

24 whereby said vest-like body sock covers an exposed or gauze-
25 dressed wound.

1 15. The cover of claim 14, wherein said integral elastic
2 strip is straight sewn within said hem.

1 16. The cover of claim 15, wherein there is a single lower
2 front opening and said cover is reversible, so as to cover a
3 wound from the removal of a front leg of the pet.

1 17. The cover of claim 15, wherein said cover is made of
2 elastic material and the elastic material is spandex or Lycra
3 having polyethylene mixed therewith.

1 18. The cover of claim 15, wherein said cover is made of
2 cotton or Nylon.

1 19. The cover of claim 17, wherein said cover is so
2 configured and constructed as to allow a veterinarian to roll or
3 peel back a portion of said cover to expose the wound.

1 20. The cover of claim 19, wherein said cover is so sized
2 and configured relative to the pet as to allow ease in placing
3 the cover on the pet and removing same, while the pet cannot
4 remove the cover from the wounded area by means of mouth, paws,
5 or rubbing against an object.